

# CHAPTER 5

## **MEASURES TAKEN BY STATE GOVERNMENTS AND UNION TERRITORY ADMINISTRATIONS**

### **5.1 ANDHRA PRADESH**

#### **5.1.1 COMMITTEES**

##### **STATE LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE**

The State Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committee functions under the Chairpersonship of the Chief Minister to review implementation of the PoA Act.

##### **DISTRICT LEVEL VIGILANCE AND MONITORING COMMITTEE**

District Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committees are functioning in all Districts under the Chairpersonship of the District Collectors. During the year 2016, 27 meetings were held in 13 districts of the State.

#### **5.1.2 STATE LEVEL SC AND ST PROTECTION CELL**

A SC & ST Protection Cell at State Level is headed by an Inspector General of Police (CID) and functions under the control and supervision of Additional Director General of Police (CID), assisted by DSPs and other supporting staff. A Deputy Superintendent of Police has also been appointed in each of seven regions exclusively to deal the offences of atrocities. Monthly Survey is conducted by senior Police Officers. Whenever serious atrocity cases are reported, they make to spot inspections.

### **5.1.3 REGISTRATION OF CASES AS PER PROVISIONS OF THE AMENDMENT PoA ACT**

1386 cases of offences of atrocities against the members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes were registered as per the provisions of Section 3 as amended PoA Act.

### **5.1.4 INVESTIGATION AND FILING OF THE CHARGE SHEET WITHIN SIXTY DAYS**

In accordance with Rule 7 (2) of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Rules, 2016, in 292 cases investigation and filing of the charge sheet was done within sixty days and that in 264 cases investigation and filing of the charge sheet was done later than sixty days.

### **5.1.5 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER**

#### **A. NODAL OFFICER**

The Director of Social Welfare has been designated as the Nodal Officer under Rule 9 of the PoA Rules, for coordinating the functioning of District Magistrates and Superintendents of Police.

#### **B. SPECIAL OFFICER**

The Joint Collectors of the nine atrocity prone districts have been appointed as Special Officers.

### **5.1.6 IDENTIFICATION OF ATROCITY PRONE AREAS**

The details of identified atrocity prone areas are as under: -

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Identified District</b>	<b>Specific areas within District, identified as atrocity prone areas</b>
1.	Kadapa District	44
2.	Srikakulam District	10
3.	Kurnool District	55
4.	Rajahmundry(U)	37
5.	Tirupati Urban District	4
6.	East Godavari(Kakinada) District	55
7.	Guntur District	5
8.	Ananthapur District	3
9.	Nellore District	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>217</b>

#### **5.1.7 SPECIAL COURTS**

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has established up 14 Exclusive Special Courts in the districts of Chittoor, Guntur, Nellore, Kurnool, Prakasham at Ongole, Kadapa, Krishna, East Godavari, Ananthapur, Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, West Godavari and Lakshmipeta of Srikakulam district.

#### **5.1.8 SPECIFICATION OF SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTORS AND EXCLUSIVE SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTORS**

Special Public Prosecutors have been appointed to plead the cases in 14 Exclusive Special Courts detailed in Para 5.1.7 above.

#### **5.1.9 PUBLICITY AND AWARENESS GENERATION**

Sensitization and Training programmes were conducted for field functionaries of Social Welfare, Police and Revenue Departments. The details are as under:-

- Boards depicting on provisions of PoA Act in Police Stations and Mandal Revenue Officers (MRO) Offices.
- Media campaign lunched against evil practice of untouchability and PoA Act in AIR, Press and on APSRTC buses.
- Awareness workshops organized by reputed NGOs.
- Orders issued to conduct 'Sanghika Samkshema Sadassulu' in all Assembly Constituencies.

- All the SDPOs in the State are issued booklets on Guidelines for the investigating officers, in the investigation of cases under the PoA Act.
- All the DSPs of PCR Cells, CID are sensitized in the in-House Training Programmes.
- Handbook of “Government Orders, Memo’s and Circulars” on PCR and PoA Acts are also provided to Police officers for ready reference and guidelines.
- Basic training for DSPs on the provisions of PoA Act was held including syllabus on training programme for DSPs.

During the year 2016, 873 Police official and 10 other official were sensitized. 8 publicity/awareness programmes were also conducted during the year.

#### **5.1.10 TRAVELLING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES TO WITNESSES AND VICTIMS OF ATROCITIES**

Travelling and maintenance expenses are provided to the victims, their dependents and witnesses in accordance with the PoA Rules. During the year 2016, 261 persons were provided travelling and maintenance expenses.

#### **5.1.11 ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REHABILITATION OF VICTIMS OF ATROCITIES**

The State Government provides for relief and rehabilitation to the victims of offences of atrocities in accordance with Rule 12 (4) of the PoA Rules. During the year 2016, 999 persons were provided relief in all 13 districts.

#### **5.1.12 RELIEF AND REHABILITATION OF VICTIMS OF ATROCITIES**

In accordance with Rule 12 (4) and 12(4) (A) of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Rules, 2016, the relief and rehabilitation to the victims of offences of atrocities provided within seven day to 3 persons with authorization by the State Government and in 229 persons were provided later than seven days.

### **5.1.13 LEGAL AID**

Free legal Aid is given to deserving families belonging to Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes through Sub-Divisional Level Legal Aid Committee with the Deputy Commissioner of the District as Chairman. There is no income limit fixed for eligibility to provide legal aid to the victims of atrocities. During the year 2016, 247 persons were provided legal aid.